

State of Utah
Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Office of Crime Victim Reparations



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*Anywhere...
Anytime...
Anyone...*

can become a victim of violent crime.

During the past 16 years the Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations has reached out to thousands of victims who have suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of violent crime. The assistance provided by this program helps victims recover and rebuild their lives. Eighty million dollars have been awarded through compensation and victim assistance since the program's inception. No tax dollars are used to fund the compensation and victim assistance programs. These programs are funded through state and federal surcharges on fines, penalties and forfeitures.

The Office of Crime Victim Reparations provides financial compensation for victims of crime, administers and monitors Victim of Crime Act Compensation and Assistance grants and Violence Against Women grants, networks victim services across the state, provides enhanced training, and provides staff support to the Utah Council on Victims of Crime.

Crime Victim Compensation Program

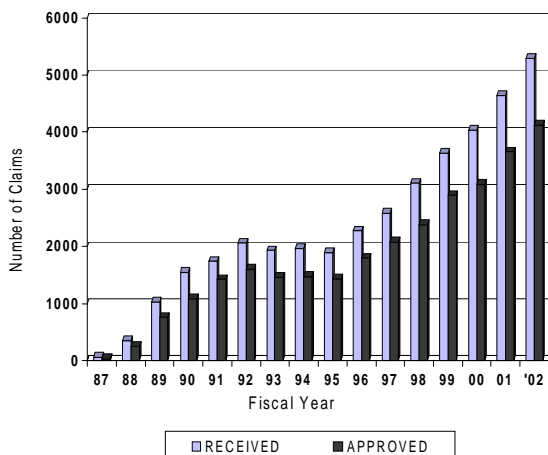
Purpose: To compensate victims of violent crime who have suffered physical and psychological injury as well as families and dependents of deceased victims.

Source of Funding: Surcharge on fines.

Range of Awards: Awards can be made up to a maximum of \$25,000. However, reparations may be awarded up to \$50,000 for actual medical expenses incurred as a result of homicide, attempted homicide, aggravated assault, or DUI offenses.

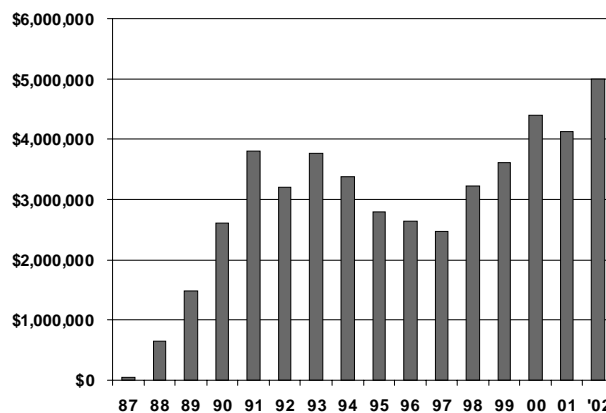
Victim Claim Activity

1987-2002



Victim Benefits Awarded

1987-2002



Compensation Claim Summary FY 2002

Claims Received.....	5290
Claims Awarded.....	4122
Claims Denied.....	920
Claims Pending.....	248
Total Amount Awarded.....	\$4,992,288
Average Amount Awarded.....	\$1,211

VICTIMS RESPOND.....

The Office of Crime Victim Reparations frequently receives letters from victims expressing their appreciation for assistance they have received. The following are excerpts from some of their letters.

We are writing to express our deep appreciation for the services rendered by the Office of Crime Victim Reparations. We have received payments totaling \$21,856 for hospital, medical and burial expenses. We had no insurance or financial aid from any other source. We are retired and on a modest income and it would have been impossible for us to have absorbed this type of expense. This additional expense would have been a terrible burden for our remaining years. There is truly no way to express our gratitude and thanks for what this has done for us. It didn't lessen the sorrow and heartache of losing our daughter but it has been a relief to our financial, mental and physical well being. If there is anything we can do to help further this program please let us know. From our hearts and souls we thank you.

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the help you and your office gave me during my unfortunate experience that resulted in both medical bills and loss of wages. Your office handled my case with professionalism and expediency. You will never know how much that helped in providing relief during a very difficult time in my life.

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I am so grateful for the victim advocates, therapists, and the Crime Victim Reparation program. I do not know where my life would be without all the support these people gave me. Most of all - I feel safe, I feel at peace, and I feel very happy. There are still tough days, but I mostly feel positive and excited about my future.

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In broad daylight, under a store surveillance camera and in a very crowded grocery store, I was hit and beaten into unconsciousness, leaving me in stress and pain. At this time I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the help and support both mentally and financially I received from your CVR office. Again, thanks and appreciation to you for your service and help in such a desperately needed time.

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I appreciate your office stepping in to help with counseling costs for myself and three-year-old daughter who was physically and sexually abused. I wanted to let you know that the help I received did not go unappreciated. It helped me out so much. I am now remarried and living a very happy life. I thank you for removing the burden of what seemed to be endless bills. Thank you so much.

Compensation Benefits Awarded FY 2002

Medical	2,112,405.24	Inpatient Counseling	28,419.89
Mental Health	971,788.15	Loss of Support	44,873.09
Relocation	349,155.82	Replacement Services	24,404.39
Loss of Wages	411,016.16	Residential/Day Treatment	16,916.39
Rent	306,284.52	Funeral Travel	12,168.64
Funeral and Burial	206,172.25	Independent Medical	14,360.00
Sexual Assault Examinations	198,516.79	Medically Necessary Devices	13,617.98
Dental	153,093.96	Economic Loss	2,463.58
Essential Personal Property	61,394.96	Insurance/Spenddowns	7,237.43
Travel and Mileage	60,588.32		

FY 2002 VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Victim of Crime Act Assistance Grants

Purpose: VOCA grants provide funding that enables the state, local governments and private nonprofit organizations to enhance and expand services to crime victims, promoting development of comprehensive services to crime victims throughout the state.

Source of Funding: Surcharge on Federal Fines.

Range of Awards: \$8,846 to \$122,785

Statistics: 56 VOCA funded agencies across the state provided services to a total of 46,152 crime victims. Of that number 31,689 were primary victims who were harmed by a chargeable crime and 14,463 were secondary victims such as the spouse, children, parents or siblings of the primary victim.

Total Federal Dollars Received January 1986 - June 2002

VOCA Grants	22,958,900
VOCA Indian Country Grants	120,500
VAWA Grants	9,376,364
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	<u>135,000</u>
	32,590,764

STOP Violence Against Women Act Grants

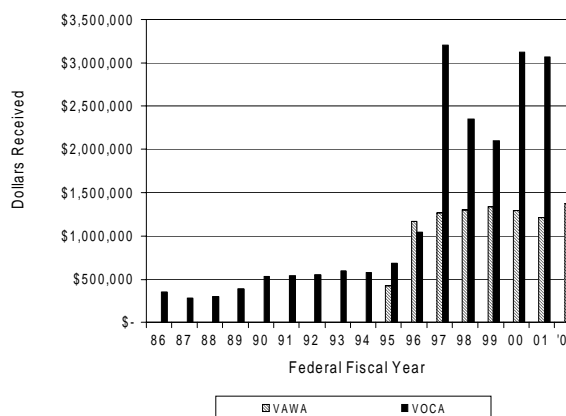
Purpose: VAWA grants encourage the development and implementation of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving crimes against women.

Source of Funding: Federal General Funds

Range of Awards: \$2,242 to \$89,450

Statistics: There are 42 VAWA funded agencies across the state.

VOCA/VAWA Federal Grants



The Following Agencies Received VOCA and/or VAWA Funding During FY 02

NONPROFIT

Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center
CAPSA
Child & Family Support of Cache Co
Center for Women & Children in Crisis
Cornerstone Counseling
Davis Co Children's Justice Center
Domestic Peace Task Force
Family Institute of Northern Utah
Family Support Center
The Shelter in Davis County
Dove Center
Family Connection Center
HITE
Legal Aid Society
Multi Cultural Legal Center
New Horizons Crisis Center
Rape Recovery Center
Salt Lake Co Children's Justice Center
Seekhaven
South Valley Sanctuary
Tooele County Women's Shelter
UCASA
Utah Co Children's Justice Center

Utah Legal Services
Washington Co Children's Justice Center
Your Community Connection
YWCA of Box Elder
YWCA of Salt Lake

PROSECUTION

Cache Co Prosecutor's Office
Davis Co Attorney's Office
Duchesne Co Attorney's Office
Garfield Co Attorney's Office
Grand Co Attorney's Office
Iron Co Attorney's Office
Payson City Attorney's Office
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office
Salt Lake Co Dist Atty's Counseling Unit
Springville City Prosecutor's Office
Tooele City Attorney's Office
Utah Attorney General's Office
Utah Co Attorney's Office
Wasatch Co Attorney's Office
Weber Co Attorney's Office
West Valley City Attorney's Office

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Beaver County Sheriff's Office
Carbon County Sheriff's Office
Helper Police Department
Kane County Sheriff's Office
Midvale City Police Department
Murray City Police Department
Orem Dept of Public Safety
Pleasant Grove/Lindon Police Dept
Provo City Police Department
Salt Lake City Police Department
Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office
San Juan County Sheriff's Office
Sandy City Police Department
South Jordan Police Department
South Salt Lake Police Department
Vernal City Police Department
Weber County Sheriff's Office
West Jordan Dept of Public Safety

GOVERNMENTAL

Northern Utah County
Utah Department of Corrections
Utah Valley State College

DID YOU KNOW.....

- The first compensation program in the United States was created in 1965 in California.
- Utah was the 43rd state to develop a compensation program in 1986.
- All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands now have compensation programs.
- Last year, on the national level, compensation programs received 205,000 claims and awarded \$375 million dollars.
- Utah's compensation program has one of the fastest turnaround times in the nation in determining claims.
- Utah has one of the highest payouts in the nation for its population size.
- CVR was the first compensation program to provide rent assistance to victims of domestic violence and child abuse.
- Utah was one of the first states to contract for the evaluation of inpatient mental health care to provide cost effective treatment.
- A seven member Crime Victim Reparations Board sets policy and procedure for the CVR office.
- Crime Victim Reparations has a Fast Track Forensic Sexual Assault Examination Program to cover examination costs when no other resources are available.
- CVR can award other victim services grants when there is a sufficient reserve to cover compensation costs. In the past two years \$600,000 has been awarded.
- Utah is one of five national programs receiving Office for Victims of Crime funding to develop and implement a Victim Assistance Academy. Now in its second year of operation, the Academy has been lauded as the best the nation.
- The CVR office helps sponsor and plan the annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference.
- Crime Victim Reparations organizes and conducts four victim assistance training and networking workshops per year.
- The compensation program provides outreach to victims, allied agencies and organizations to publicize the CVR program.
- Assaults and aggravated assaults, child physical and sexual abuse, and domestic violence were the top three crime categories on compensation claims filed.
- 28% of the compensation claims are for victims under 18 years of age.
- 71% of compensation claims were filed on behalf of female victims.
- Crime Victim Reparations annually supports over 100 governmental and nonprofit agencies in their efforts to serve crime victims.
- CVR provides annual Victim of Crime Act(VOCA) and STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA) grant training sessions in both northern and southern Utah.
- Crime Victim Reparations provides staff to support the Utah Council on Victims of Crime in its efforts to initiate crime victim related legislation and training.
- Twelve domestic violence shelters statewide receive VOCA and VAWA grant funds to provide services to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims.
- CVR grant funds were used to develop 38 victim advocacy programs housed within police departments, sheriff's offices, and city and county attorney's offices throughout the state. Thirty-five of the programs continue to receive VOCA and/or VAWA funds.
- The Salt Lake Family Support Center can provide free counseling to Adults Molested as Children due to funding from CVR grant programs.

OTHER VICTIM SERVICES GRANT RECIPIENTS

Victim Advocates Development Law Enforcement/Prosecutor's Offices

Utah Judicial District Victim Rights Committees

Utah Department of Corrections Victim Notification Pilot Program

Salt Lake Sexual Assault Nurses (SANE) Training and Program Start Up

Utah Victim Academy (UVAA)

Rape Recovery Center

State Domestic Violence Coordinator

Utah Council on Victims of Crime - Crime Victim Conference Speakers